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will interest the public. Do not hesitate to stop us on the street be you man, woman or child, to give us an him in both the press and composing item. We want local news and you can greatly assist us in gathering it.

It is impossible for the editor, with a large and growing law practice, and other all over the country, is worth more to multitudinous duties, which often take him away from Lexington, to cover a city of 35,000 people, nearly half of whom belong learns in the schools in six years. to the race represented by this journal.

Saturday, January 27, 1900

## NO ENLARGEMENT NOW.

At the close of the past year we promised to enlarge the Standard to twice its present size at the beginning and stunting the growth of the child. of this year. Negotiations to this end were then in progress with a Pittsburg firm to supply one side already printed with the news of the world, but the price of white paper has gone up from 40 to 60 per cent, owing to a trust having cornered the wood pulp from which it is made, and it will be impossible to increase the size of the Standard without increasing the price, and impecunious subscribers would never stand that. We must now give a collector 831 per cent, and let him nearly run his legs off to collect each pittance from city subscribers, but when a hundred tell him to wait until next month the money to pay for white paper, and the many other expenses that go to make a newpaper must come from other sources. The Standard could not live on the patronage it gets from the race it represents. This is remarkable in a city of 16,000 Negroes, surrounded by densely populated towns, but it is true. Were it not for the liberal patronage of white advertisers, and the job printing from Negro customers who give preference to a race office, the paper would soon be compelled to cease publication. If you are not ashamed of being born black, patronize the white merchants who advertise in your race paper. They are your friends; they want your trade. Do not, however, neglect your own tradesmen who advertise, if they are in the same line.

## LATIN LEARNING LOST.

Education is a good thing to have. It is what the Negro race in its present condition needs but much depends favorite playmate, Lillian Chiles, the islands, go there, establish a governupon the sort of education. The av- little daughter of Lawyer Chiles; and ment, then sell out to England or erage girl prefers the attention of a of Dr. Allen, the good man whom Germany, and return home and loaf guitar-playing youth who has no Master Robin says brought him a all summer. visible means of support and who darling sister. Already congratulatravels on his shape, to those of a car- tions have begun to come in. A white penter or blacksmith, It seems to be friend hands us these lines: a question of fine clothes and supposed

The result is that the non-working man, after he marries, has to be supported by his wife. There is a sort of education that is to be kept far from our schools. It utterly spoils rights to the Negro is not half so great people. A girl pounding at the piano as the danger of withholding them.

or giggling at the gate with an idle dude, and the mother at the washtub or book stove, is a sorry sight. When it makes both vain and lazy it ruins held their initiatory and degree meet-

This thing of filling our boys with Greek and Latin is a criminal waste of time and money. There is no real need of it. The child should understand the fundamental principles of a common school education, then let him, or her, take the hand training. It's not necessary, however, that young people may know how to do any given State. thing-as carpentering, blacksmithing, printing, serving, cooking-but that they may know the value of work. Hand training quickens mental faculties that no sort of mere text-book drill awakens, and this is one of its chief blessings. Hand education helps to keep the brain balanced.

There are some old fogies who will have no industrial teaching in their schools. We have some such in Lexington who in order to make the unlettered parent believe that they are learned, tell them that work-teaching and book-teaching can not go on together. Such teachers are absolutely too ignorant to understand that the greater the educational needs of any people the greater their need of not only being taught books, but of being taught to make a living.

We have in the Standard office a boy expect their paper to be stopped without of 15 who goes to school in the forenoon and works in the afternoon. He is well up in the common school branches and understands the rudiments of Latin, rhetoric, and algebra, but the anowledge he gains as a typesetter, deciphering. punctuating and correcting the spelling of scores of different kinds of manuscripts, the privilege of reading over two hundred newpapers from the leading cities of the land, the instructions given rooms, correcting proof, and coming in contact with prominent men from the boy in six weeks than the Latin he

In fact, this young printer is better posted in general affairs than are some teachers, for they read nothing but the ordinary text-book and rarely come in contact with anyone except their pupils. There is absolutely nothing in the Latin business in the common schools but a waste of public money Latin is a dead language. Let it sleep. No nation speaks it now. The mental discipline it affords can be obtained in the great scramble for daily bread. As a foundation for English, if a boy enters a trade or profession requiring it, he can study Latin privately after leaving the public school, or in some higher institution of learning, but do not force it on him otherwise.

## Lillian Allen Benjamin.

"Oh, child, new-born denizen of life's great city, upon thy head is shed the glory of the celestial morning."

The editor of the Standard is as happy as a big sunflower that nods and bends in the breezes." His first had many kind words for Negroes, born, three years ago was a boy; and now 'tis a girl, and she tips the scales at ten and a half pounds.

who assisted the little stranger in making her advent into this world. It is a question after she grows up and do not. Those who do should not be finds out what a terribly wicked world this is, whether she will thank the Doctor for the part he played in the

However this may be, the little 'gal" fumes and keep cool. is here and the mother, who is resting easy, desires to return thanks to the efficient trained nurse, Miss Cleek of the Good Samaritan Hospital. It is said by the ablest physicians of this city that Miss Cleek stands in the front rank of her profession.

Mrs. J. W. Valentine, Mrs. Greenwere among the guests who attended the debut of little Miss Standard tle tot while the editor is out trying to for the Nation. collect subscriptions to buy gruel and swaddling clothes.

Miss Benjamin's little brother asks that she be christened Lillian Allen,

"He was a great composer And editorials he could write, But he could not compose his youngest When he walked her 'round at night."

The danger of conceding political

### Courtlers Near the Throne.

Queen Candace Court I. O. O. C., ing on last Thursday night. State Worthy Grand Counsellor, R. C. O. Benjamin lectured and gave instructions on the degree work. This Court is presided over by Mrs. Ella Henderson assisted by an able corp of officers and an earnest and interesting set of members who seem determined to make their Court the banner one of the

At the meeting on Thursday night after the degree work had been gone through, the table was set and everyone present enjoyed a sumptous repast. A number of the brothers of Blue Grass Lodge, K. of P., who had been invited were present and not only ate but enjoyed thenselves gazing and smiling at the good looking

Among the male visitors were Brothers Thompson, Nelson, Hueston and several others. Lawyer Smith and John Snowden who are members of the Court were there also. Of course J. C. Jackson was there for when ever it is annaunced that there is going to be something to eat, Jackson is sure to turn up. If there is one thing that Brother Jackson enjoys more than all other things it is free eatings.

### Industrial Club Festival.

The event of the week was the second meeting of the newly-organized Industrial Club held Monday night, ostensibly for the purpose of finishing up its business left over from New Year's Day, but, strictly speaking, for the avowed purpose of analyzing the contents of two large pails and three large platters. The buckets proved to contain oysters fresh from their ocean bed, and the other receptacles three large turkeys whose fattening days were over. If the table had been a garden patch and one had gone over it with a two-horse mower it could not have been thicker strewn with

Then there was fat 'possum with sweet potato trimmings, a pair of real coons baked to a turn, pickles sweet and sour, chow-chow, and other delicacies of the season, constituted a feast fit for the festal board of royalty and one long to be remembered. There was no wine. The long table had seating capacity for forty-one persons. Among the merry feasting

Henry White, Theodore Richardson, Andrew Scott, Sam Underwood, Clark Pepper, William Hayden, M. T. Clay, George Goodwin, John Brown, Green Boone, James Scott, Porter Jackson, George Hart. John Tyler, Samuel Lee, Andrew Brown, Howard Miller, Samuel Smith, L. C. Smith, Henry Lyons, P. L. Parrish, Frank Buckner, George E. DePrad, Ed Williams, Ed Dandridge, Willis Coles, Thomas Mc-Clure, Zach Jones, G. P. Rassell and E. L. Cunningham.

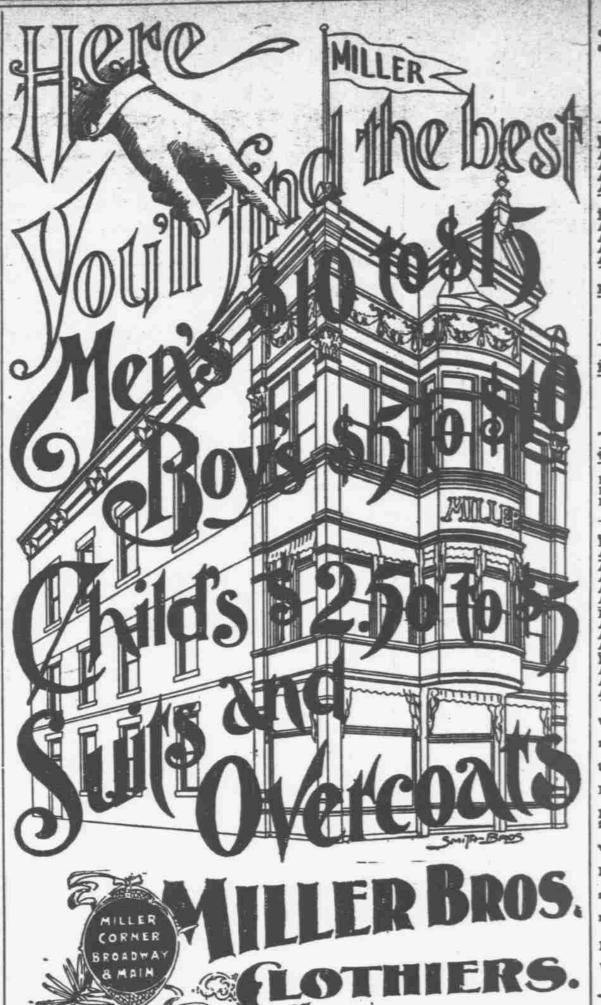
A white man of Lexington, who has and often taken their part against carping critics, says that it is not'so much the "color line" as it is the Dr. J. M. Allen is the gentleman "odor line" that causes him to hold aloof from the race. Some Negroes stink-yes, that's the word-and some sparing of soap and water. Wash well, wash often, or get somebody to scrub you. Therein much of the virtue lies. If all else fails try neutralizing per-

Senator Morgan of Alabama has made his quadremial speech on the Negro question and has covered himself with the usual infanny. The preference of such sy'logistic grymnasts as Morgan and Tillman of South Carolina in the United Senate is painbury Jackson and Mrs. J. Alex. Chiles ful infliction upon the Nation. They don't read and of course is not informed, and the sooner these nincompoops Mrs. Chiles now has charge of the lit- die and go to L the better it will be

Some one suggests that the United States make the Negroes a present of the Philippine Islands. The Standard in honor of his first sweetheart and eeartily concurs. Let us take the

> Last summer the railroad companies took certain Negroes on excursions for pay. This winter the city authorities are taking them to the soup house for nothing.

The Negro wants protection but to get it he must protect himself and regard any man or party an enemy who impedes his forward march.



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